

By GEN. GREEN B. RAUM.

Copyrighted, 1901 by the publishers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. When Gen. Sherman baffled and de- fort lasted about two hours, when the gunfeated in his heroic movement against because drew off to await the completion of the arrangements for the general attack

strongly inclined to issue the necessary

When Gen. Grant, on Dec. 8, 1862, at Oxford, Miss., issued an order to Gen. Sherman directing him to return to Mem-Sherman directing him to return to Mehr-phis and organize a large force to operate down the river against Vicksburg, he communicated his order to Gen. Halleck, Commander-in-Chief at Washington, and Commander-in-Chief at Washington, and it was approved Dec. 9; but in his dispatch Gen. Halleck observed "the President may insist upon designating a separate commander; if not, assign such officers as you deem best. Sherman would be my choice as the Chief under you." Nothing further was heard from Washington until Dec. 18, when Gen. Halleck telegraphed Gen. Grant, "It is the wish of the President that Gen. McClernaud's Corps shall constitute a part of the river Corps shall constitute a part of the river expedition and that he shall have the iminediate command under your direc-

When this dispatch was received, Gen. Sherman, with 30,000 men and an immense fleet of transports, was ready to move; the embarkation of the troops began on the following day, and on Dec. 20 Gen. Sherman started down the river to Helena.

M'CLERNAND ASSUMES COMMAND. Gen. McClernand was not with the

troops when assigned to this new duty, but soon left his home in Illinois for his command, and on Dec. 30 took a steamer at Memphis for Vicksburg. On his way down he called at Helena and in condown he called at Helena and in con-sultation with Gen. Gorman suggested the importance of capturing and destroying Fort Hindman at the Arkansas port. This was a permanent military post, well forti-fied and strongly garrisoned for the pur-pose of maintaining a hold upon the State of Arkansas, defending Little Rock, the capital of the State, and as a base of ag-gressive operations against the free maygressive operations against the free navi-gation of the Mississippi River; but a few days before Gen. McClernand's arrival a detachment from the fort cap-tured the steamer "Blue Wing," a Gov-ernment transport laden with valuable

Upon taking command of the forces at Milliken's Bend, and without allowing the troops to disembark from the transports, Gen. McClernand issued an order for a movement against Arkansas Post. The movement against Arkansas Post. The General saw no immediate prospect for active operations if the troops should go into camp at the Bend, so he decided to capture Arkansas Post and thereby regain for the Army and Navy, operating on the Mississippi, the prestige resulting from ward and make a reconnoisance of the success. Admiral Porter fully approved Gen. McClernand's plans and entered actively into the preparations for making it a success.

THE INVESTMENT.

"THE EMBARKATION OF TROOPS AT MEMPHIS BEGAN."

dered up Cooley's Battery within 200 yards of the right of the enemy's defenses and deployed the 118th Ill. on its right, and make a reconnoisance of the route and superintended the movement of the troops to their assigned position. The story is best told in his own language:

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greeted by a bright and genial sun on the the fort, and only failed because superden. Sherman was given the right of morning of the 11th.

"By 10:20 a. m. the two corps were in the ravine in their way. the line, and therefore had the advance in the movement of the great fleet. Admiral Porter, with his fleet of armed vestattack. Gen. Steele's Division formed the Gen. Blair's, had borne the brunt of the

BEFORE ARKANSAS POST.

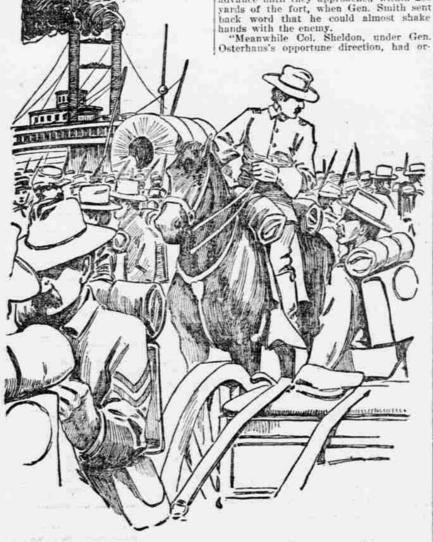
Arkansas Post is a small town on the Arkansas River, and is the County Seat tery, Capt. Foster commanding, and a 2. Arkansas County. It is situated on high ground at the head of a great bend of the river, 50 miles above the mouth of the river and 117 miles below Little Rock. A permanent camp for troops had been constructed, with log houses for shelter.

The position was skillfully fortified; an extensive system of rifle-pits had been constructed commanding every line of approach, and Fort Hindman. a square, full-bastioned fort, was erected within the purpose of dismounting the gun in the

having opened fire at 1 o'clock, as already mentioned, kept it up with telling effect for some time. Lieut, Webster's 20pounder Porrots on the river bank com-pletely enfladed the two faces of the northeastern bastion, some of their shots northeastern bastion, some of their shots penetrating the embrasure of the casemate and contributing, with others from the gunboats, to silence the gun inside of it, also the lighter gun in the northern curtain and the gun "en barbette" in the southeastern bastion, which appeared to be above the gunboats' fire. These results are not only recounted by Gen. Osterhaus as important in themselves, but as bearing honorable testimony to the as bearing honorable testimony to the skill and efficiency of Lieut. Webster, Blount's thre 10-pounder Parrots con-tinued to pour a well-directed fire into the enemy's lines until Gen. A. J. Smith's

Vicksburg with the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Army Corps, aided by the fleet of gunboats, left the Yazoo River and assembled the fleet at Milliken's Bend, Maj-Gen, John A. McClernand, who had been assigned to command the Thirteenth Army Corps, being the ranking officer, assumed command of the entire military force, Jan. 4, 1863. Brig.-Gen, George W. Morgan was given the command of the Thirteenth Army Corps, and Gen. Sherman resumed the command of his own, the Fifteenth Corps.

Gen. McClernand had for some time been auxious to command an expedition to open the Mississippi River. He had communicated his wishes and ideas to President Lincoln, and the President was strongly inclined to issue the necessary orders. gallant commanders, under the personal direction of Gen. Smith, continued their advance until they approached within 200 yards of the fort, when Gen. Smith sent back word that he could also be sent and swith the



THE INVESTMENT.

Gen. McClernand issued his orders of "Passing a cold night, without fires and Seizing the opportunity the 120th Ohio march and of battle to his corps comtents, our chilled but faithful men were dashed forward to carry the east face of

fray with all their enginery of war by Mercantile Battery were masked and held noon of the 10th. In the meantime, the gunboats had moved up towards the fort. Mich. Battery, Capt. Lanphere commanding, remained with Col. De Courcy. Two 20-pounder Parrots of the 1st Wis. Bat-

bastioned fort, was erected within the purpose of dismounting the gun in the town. The sides of this fort between the lower casemate, which had seriously an salient angles was 300 feet. The parapets noyed the gunboats on the previous even were 18 feet wide on top; the ditch 20 ing, and all my forces being ready for feet wide and eight feet deep. On the action, I sent word to the Admiral activer front there were large casemates of great strength with heavy roofs, in which as he had opened fire I would advance

were mounted eight and nine-inch columbiads designed for battle with the gunblads designed for battle with a four sixpounder mouth-bore guns; the magazines were well filled with ammunition. Along the rifle-pits six field-pieces were mounted.

The Confederate forces at Arkansas Post were commanded by Brig. Gen. Thes.

J. Churchill. He kept a picket post on duty on the Arkansas River at the mouth words extending irregularly by some 200 yards quite to the enemy's rifle-pits. duty on the Arkansas River at the mouth yards quite to the enemy's rifle-pits of the cut-off. On the morning of Jan. Checked here for a time by a sudden and 9, 1863, the gunboat squadron, followed severe fire of musketry and artillery from

of the latter in front were nearly



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those who read it with the remembrance of the stirring times of ''61' undimmed, seem to be living it all over again. As I read the account of the reception of the news from Sumter and what an excitement it made in St. Louis, I could almost imagine myself again standing in a railway station and waiting for the arrival of the famous 'Sixth Massachusetts' on its way from Boston to 'the front.' . . . In Missouri the feelso much greater than any mere story can be, that one finds ing was even more intense. . . . And this the oneself asking 'Has he taken this way to remind us of the author has described with great power, and in fearful price we have paid for our country, "lest we forget, a way that never has been surpassed.'

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Seven stand of colors were captured, including the garrison flag, which was captured by Capt. Eunis, one of Gen. Smith's be able to choose an advantageous battle-sides-de-camp. Gen. Burbridge planted the American flag upon the fort, which had the American flag upon the fort, which had been placed in his hands, as a tribute to his gallantry, by Gen. Smith for that purpose. Besides these, 5,000 prisoners; 17 places, without interruption during the carriages, large and small; 10 gun carriages to destroy and sink their own fleet. The and 11 limbers; 3,000 stand of small arms, siege was prosecuted with igor, but sevand 11 limbers; 3,000 stand of small arms, exclusive of many lost or destroyed; 130 swords; 50 Colt's pistols; 40 cans of powder; 1,650 rounds of shot, shell, and cannister for 10 and 20 pounder Parrott guns; 375 shells, grape-stands, and canister; 46,000 rounds of amountido for small arms; 563 animals, together with a considerable constitute of anatomystars, and considerable quantity of quartermaster's and commis-sary stores, fell into our hands. Of these sary stores, ten into our dains. Of tage captures, seven pieces of cannon had been destroyed by the fire of our artillery and the gunboats, besides 170 wagons and a large portion of the stores, which were delayed by a strong garrison. stroyed for want of means to bring them

away The casualties of the Union army dur ing this campaign was, officers killed, six; enlisted men, 128; total, 134; wounded offieers. 65; enlisted men, 833; total, 898; missing, 29; total, 1061."

missing, 23; total, 1001.

This was a splendid military achievement, and well described the commendation of President Lincoln in his communication America. He was named Pete, and has

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see. Besides these, 5,000 prisoners; 17 plies, without interruption during the ecces of cannon, large and small; 10 gunsiege was prosecuted with igor, but sev-astapol did not surrender until Sept. 13, 1855, just one year from the date of the

landing of the allied armies. It was well known by Gen. Grant, Admiral Porter and all the prominent officers of the army and navy, that Vicksburg was well fortified on the river front with number of batteries of heavy guns; that there were strong fortifications six miles held by a strong garrison.

(To be continued.)

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(Mass.) lady.

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